

# Town of Magnolia

**Mayor James Frazier**

**302-335-5891**

Mayor James Frazier called the October 12, 2015 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Mike Cohill, Robert Faircloth, Scott Fowler and Shawn Ramsey were present. Guest Patricia Lapinsky from Senior Helpers. Diane Cahall and Ralph Satterfield were present.

Mayor Frazier requested approval or additions to the published agenda. Mayor's updates and pine tree were added to the agenda. Mike Cohill motioned to accept the agenda with addition, 2nd by Shawn Ramsey — Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Mayor Frazier noted that the date for election intention should be changed to November 9, 2015. Shawn Ramsey motioned to accept the minutes with corrections, 2nd by Mike Cohill - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier introduced Patricia Lapinsky from Senior Helpers covering Kent & Sussex Counties. She explained how their programs can assist seniors and veterans in the area. There is no contract and clients are billed on a monthly basis. Cost is approximately \$21 to \$23 per hour for services. Brochures were presented to council and extras were left in the town hall.

Diane Cahall presented the treasurer's report. Water bills and tax bills are still coming in and past due statements were mailed to all residents in delinquent status. Diane noted that perhaps Transfer Tax funds can be used to pay for water pump generators. It should apply as it is related to public safety. Diane will check and advise as soon as possible. Mike Cohill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Robert Faircloth — Motion carried.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,342,000 gallons of water during September 2015. Pump 2: 615,000 gallons. Pump 3; 727,000 gallons. Well levels: 37', 31' and 37'. Pump 2 ran 44 hours, Pump 3 ran 44.7 hours. Average chlorine is .228. Water levels are good. No big issues and pumps ran normal hours. A new 1" line was installed on Pat Jarrell's property. The property will be billed for 3 units in the future. Scott has a total coliform plan to map where we test chlorine, bacteria and lead/copper samples.

Mayor Frazier advised that we must post a solicitation of candidates for the 2016 council elections by October 15, 2015. Notices will be posted on our website, Post Office and Town Hall. Mayor Frazier will email necessary documentation to the Department of Elections. Councilpersons Michael Cohill, Robert Faircloth and James Frazier are up for reelection. We will know if we are required to hold an election at the November 9, 2015 meeting.

Mayor Frazier stated that we are still working on the sidewalk grant. Scott Fowler provided an estimated number of 1200 feet to be replaced and 600 feet of new sidewalk. Estimated cost of \$36,000.00. ADA regulations and replacement of damaged sidewalks is still under discussion.

Mayor Frazier opened discussion on installing a backup generator. Scott Fowler met with David Thompson to discuss the project; using an extension cord (cable) to hook up with camlock. Scott requested a proposal including cable and a lock box to prevent theft. \$3,850.00 cost to provide electric service to generator. We could possibly obtain a 89K generator \$22,500.00 for \$20,000.00. Mayor Frazier made a motion to proceed with the project if cost came in as expected. 2nd by Shawn Ramsey, motion passed.

Mayor Frazier and Shawn Ramsey continue working on an Ordinance Review. Desire to put more emphasis on abandoned and vacant buildings. Frank Young is unavailable to help. Leroy Hazzard will review the ordinances and Rebecca Campbell will assist. This project is a work in progress and updates will be provided at November meeting.

Mayor Frazier advised that Verizon completed a reception signal test and we are still waiting for their timeline to begin.

Council noted that Halloween Trick or Treat will be observed in the town on Saturday, October 31st from 6p - 8pm for children 12 years of age and younger. Diane will post notices in the town.

Council congratulated Scott Fowler; the town received a National Water Fluoridation Quality Award from CDC. Award will be posted at town hall and on the town website.

Mayor Frazier will be interviewed for Comcast Newsmakers this coming Thursday at 10 am. He will comment on our wish list and water quality.

Council discussed the truck traffic problem. Mayor Frazier has contacted our representative and senator, DelDot Secretary, Levy Court Commissioner, Governor Markell and the MPO Organization representative. He did receive a response from Sen Colin Bonini and a representative from DelDot. Pioneer Materials will be contacted again to try to stop the major truck traffic traveling from east to West through the town.

Councilman Ramsey noted that he can obtain a good dogwood tree for \$80 to \$100 to replace the pine tree when it is removed. Mike Cohill motioned to approve this purchase, 2nd by Robert Faircloth. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm was made by Mike Cohill and 2nd by Shawn Ramsey. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary